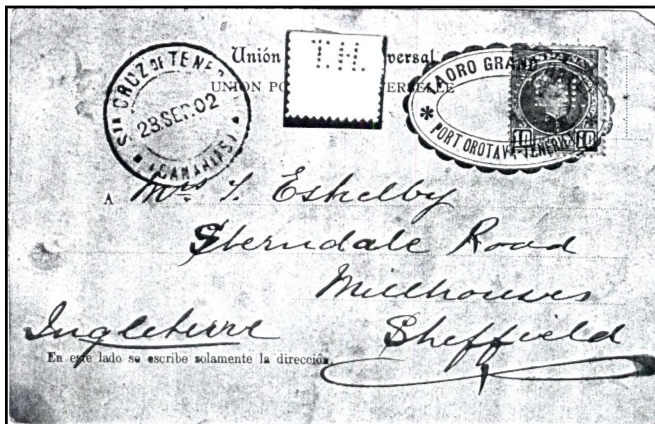


An Update to Spanish Africa and an ID for Spain

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After reading Bob Szymanski's articles in the July-August 2003 issue (p.99), I proceeded to check my Spanish type collection. Much to my amazement I found the perfin that Bob showed in his article - on the same issue and denomination. Mine does not have the "Tenerife" showing, but it does have the word "Canarias" on the lower part of the stamp. The Rodriguez catalog lists this as B12 (BB/WA) as Bob indicated.

I also have a cover franked with a stamp perfined with the pattern listed by Rodriguez as T3 (T.H.) but the catalog lists no information about the user. Below I show a post card that shows a cancel from the Taoro Grand Hotel as well as a Santa Cruz de Tenerife.



Neither of these patterns is shown in Bob Schwerdt's Africa catalog and the pattern that Bob does show as A1 (UN/Co) is not listed in

Rodriguez's catalog. So this brings the count of patterns used in the Canary Islands to at least three.



While on the subject of Spain – below is a copy of an identifying strip. The corner card indicates the Ford Motor Company of Barcelona as the mailer and the stamps have the perfin identified as F17 (F.M.C.) in Rodriguez' catalog, with no user information.

